

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

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1. An electrical terminal for mating with a blade-like mating terminal, comprising:
 - a base having a front mating end and a rear terminating end;
 - a spring arm folded rearwardly over the base from the front mating end thereof to a rear bowed end of the spring arm;
 - 5 a contact arm folded back forwardly from said rear bowed end beneath the spring arm above the base and spaced therefrom for receiving the blade-like mating terminal inserted between the contact arm and the base; and
 - a sharp edge on said contact arm facing the rear terminating end of the base and
- 10 engageable with the blade-like mating terminal to resist unmating of the terminals.

2. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein said base is generally flat.

3. The electrical terminal of claim 2 wherein said base is generally rectangular.

4. The electrical terminal of claim 2 wherein said base has a raised embossment on the top thereof for engaging the blade-like mating terminal.

5. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein said base has a terminating tail projecting from the rear terminating end thereof.

6. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein said base has engaging teeth on opposite edges thereof for engagement in an appropriate mounting passage in a connector housing.

7. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein the electrical terminal is stamped and formed of conductive sheet metal material.

8. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein said spring arm has a front bowed end joined to the front mating end of the base, and including an opening in the front bowed

end through which the blade-like mating terminal is inserted between the contact arm and the base.

9. The electrical terminal of claim 9 wherein said spring arm is bifurcated by means of a front-to-rear slot communicating with said opening.

10. The electrical terminal of claim 9 wherein said slot extends through the rear bowed end of the spring arm.

11. The electrical terminal of claim 10 wherein said slot extends into said contact arm and stops at said sharp edge.

12. An electrical terminal stamped and formed of conductive sheet metal material for mating with a blade-like mating terminal, comprising:

a generally flat base having a front mating end and a rear terminating end;
a spring arm having a front bowed end joined to the front mating end of base and
5 folded rearwardly over the base to a rear bowed end of the spring arm, and including an opening in the front bowed end through which the blade-like mating terminal is inserted, the spring arm being bifurcated by means of a front-to-rear slot communicating with said opening;

10 a contact arm folded back forwardly from said rear bowed end beneath the spring arm above the base and spaced therefrom for receiving the blade-like mating terminal inserted between the contact arm and the base; and

a sharp edge on said contact arm facing the rear terminating end of the base and engageable with the blade-like mating terminal to resist unmating of the terminals.

13. The electrical terminal of claim 12 wherein said base is generally rectangular.

14. The electrical terminal of claim 12 wherein said base has a raised embossment on the top thereof for engaging the blade-like mating terminal.

15. The electrical terminal of claim 12 wherein said base has a terminating tail projecting from the rear terminating end thereof.

16. The electrical terminal of claim 12 wherein said slot extends through the rear bowed end of the spring arm.

17. The electrical terminal of claim 16 wherein said slot extends into said contact arm and stops at said sharp edge.